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In re Application of  
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RETROVIRAL GENE DELIVERY

DECISION on  
DECLARATION

This is a decision on applicant's 'Communication Submitting Declaration in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.497" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 13 March 2003.

On 09 September 2002, a response to the 10 May 2002 Notification of Missing Requirements was received in the USPTO. A review of the declaration/power of attorney indicated that the declaration identified each inventor and country of citizenship of each inventor but contained two identical sheets of page 4 and was not properly executed. Thus, the declaration was deemed unacceptable and the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497 were not met.

On 13 March 2003, applicant provided two separate and complete declarations, executed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. Thus the declarations are acceptable and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant has now provided two separate and complete declarations executed by the inventors, which are acceptable and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

The application will be forward to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371 date is **13 March 2003**.

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